

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 have been cancelled.

New Claims 6-39 are added.

New Claims 6-24 and 28-39 are copies of Claims 1-9, 11, 12, 15-18, 20, 22-24, 28-31, 36, 37, 41, 42, and 44-47 pending in *Carbone et al.* application, Serial No. 10/091,068, filed March 5, 2002 ("*Carbone*"). New Claims 25-27 are substantial copies of *Carbone et al.* Claims 25-27. The *Carbone* claims correspond to the *Biedermann* claims as shown in the following chart.

<i>Carbone Claim</i>	<i>Biedermann Claim</i>
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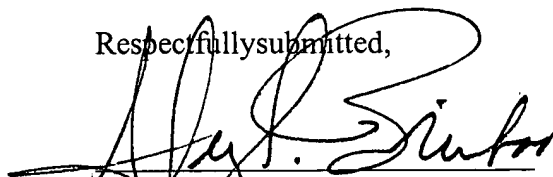
<i>Carbone Claim</i>	<i>Biedermann Claim</i>
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25	25 “conical-shaped” (line 3) and “conical” (line 5) of <i>Carbone</i> deleted
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The present *Biedermann et al.* application is a continuation of allowed Serial No. 10/037,698, filed November 9, 2001, the latter of which claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 to German application 100-55-888.7 filed November 10, 2000 and to German application 100-65-397.9 filed December 27, 2000. Certified copies of the foregoing German applications were made of record in parent application, Serial No. 10/037,698, filed November 9, 2001. The present *Biedermann et al.* application, therefore, is entitled to a priority date about 10 months before the *Carbone* provisional application.

Application Serial No. 10/763,431
Amendment dated March 18, 2004
Second Preliminary Amendment

A Request For Interference with the *Carbone* application will be filed in due course.

Respectfully submitted,

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